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SCHWARTZ : :

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SECRET CONTROL

1. This Hungarian Jew, about 44 years old, was a former concentration camp inmate in Germany. After the entry of the Allies, he went to Budapest. He was sent back to Vienna by the DEGOE (Deported Jews Organization in Hungary), JOINT sponsored and aided, whose head in Budapest is a Dr. NATHAN. In Vienna SCHWARTZ founded a "Jewish Repatriation Committee for Hungarian Deported Slave Workers and Concentration Camp Inmates". He was helped by the authorities. Later, when the Allies arrived, he was given food by UNRRA and a DP Camp at Strudelhofgasse 10, Vienna, supervised by the DP section, VAC. (Note: This is not the SCHWARZ @ SCHOLTZ implicated in the MESSNER Case.)

2. He has a small staff, the main collaborator being a certain Magda NEUFELD. All Jews wishing to be repatriated to Hungary stopped at the Strudelhofgasse, Vienna, and from there on were sent back to Hungary. Movement was about twenty or thirty per day. SCHWARTZ had a number of cars which shuttled back and forth between Budapest and Vienna, bringing in various people and taking out Jews and non-Jews. He is in extremely well with Mr. TOTH, Secretary of the Hungarian Consulate (a confirmed Communist and a suspected agent).

3. As the flow of "Hungarian Jewish repatriates" began to decline and soon practically stopped entirely, SCHWARTZ began looking for another scheme for remaining in Austria. He seems to have found it in proposing unofficially to the Hungarian Government to be put in charge of an office to recuperate Hungarian Jewish property situated in Allied occupied Zones of Austria and Hungary. This project which was first looked upon with favor by the Hungarian Government, later was practically deprived of even unofficial support by the Hungarians.

4. As the flow of Jewish repatriates stopped altogether in the SCHWARTZ DP Camp at the Strudelhofgasse, the place became a meeting-place for Jews and (principally) non-Jews recently come from Budapest, where they were sure to receive a hot meal, meet their contacts, and run their smuggling and Black Market deals. In the meantime SCHWARTZ's cars continued to shuttle back and forth between Vienna and Budapest still under the official cover of the DP section, VAC.

5. As SCHWARTZ's Jewish repatriation deal dried up, the Strudelhofgasse camp, Vienna, was taken over entirely by the DP section, VAC, and SCHWARTZ was assigned a few rooms in the Collegium Hungaricum, at Museumgasse 5, Vienna VII, by the un-official Hungarian Consulate, through his contact TOTH. This Collegium Hungaricum also houses the offices of the Hungarian Red Cross in Vienna. Any direct contact between SCHWARTZ and this Red Cross has not been ascertained.

6. It is to be noted here that the Vienna office of the Hungarian Red Cross, headed by Bela MADAY counts, on its staff, a number of former Arrow Cross men, and have been variously suspected of intelligence activities and the smuggling of Nazis into the Allied Zones.